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LOOK AT IT... THE WHOLE CITY IS OVERRUN. WE CAN'T EVEN GET IN WITHOUT BEING ATTACKED. MY PARENTS ARE DEAD... EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE CITY FOR PROTECTION IS DEAD. THEY'D HAVE TO BE.

NOBODY COULD SURVIVE THAT.

AND RICK... THREE WEEKS HE'S BEEN IN THAT COMA. HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THIS HAS HAPPENED... AND WE LEFT HIM, TO COME HERE-- FOR THIS.

I'D SUGGEST JUST GOING BACK FOR HIM... BUT HE'S SAFE AT THE HOSPITAL. IT'S THE SAFEST PLACE FOR HIM, AND WE CAN'T HELP HIM IN HIS CONDITION.

BESIDES... IF THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO START CLEANING THIS PLACE UP SOON-- NEAR A MAJOR CITY IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE.

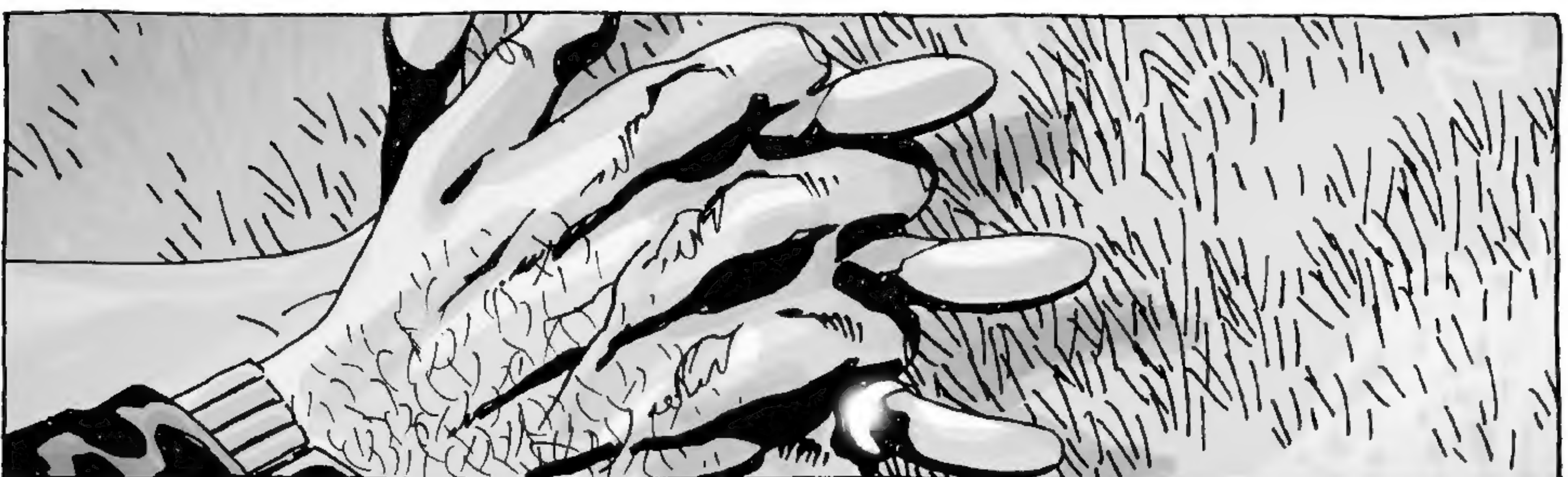
OH, SHANE. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR COMING WITH US. CARL AND I WOULD NEVER HAVE MADE IT DOWN HERE ON OUR OWN. I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD BUT I'M A WRECK. I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT.

WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON... WITH RICK, AND MY PARENTS, AND THE WORLD... DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT... I JUST FEEL SO...

...ALONE.





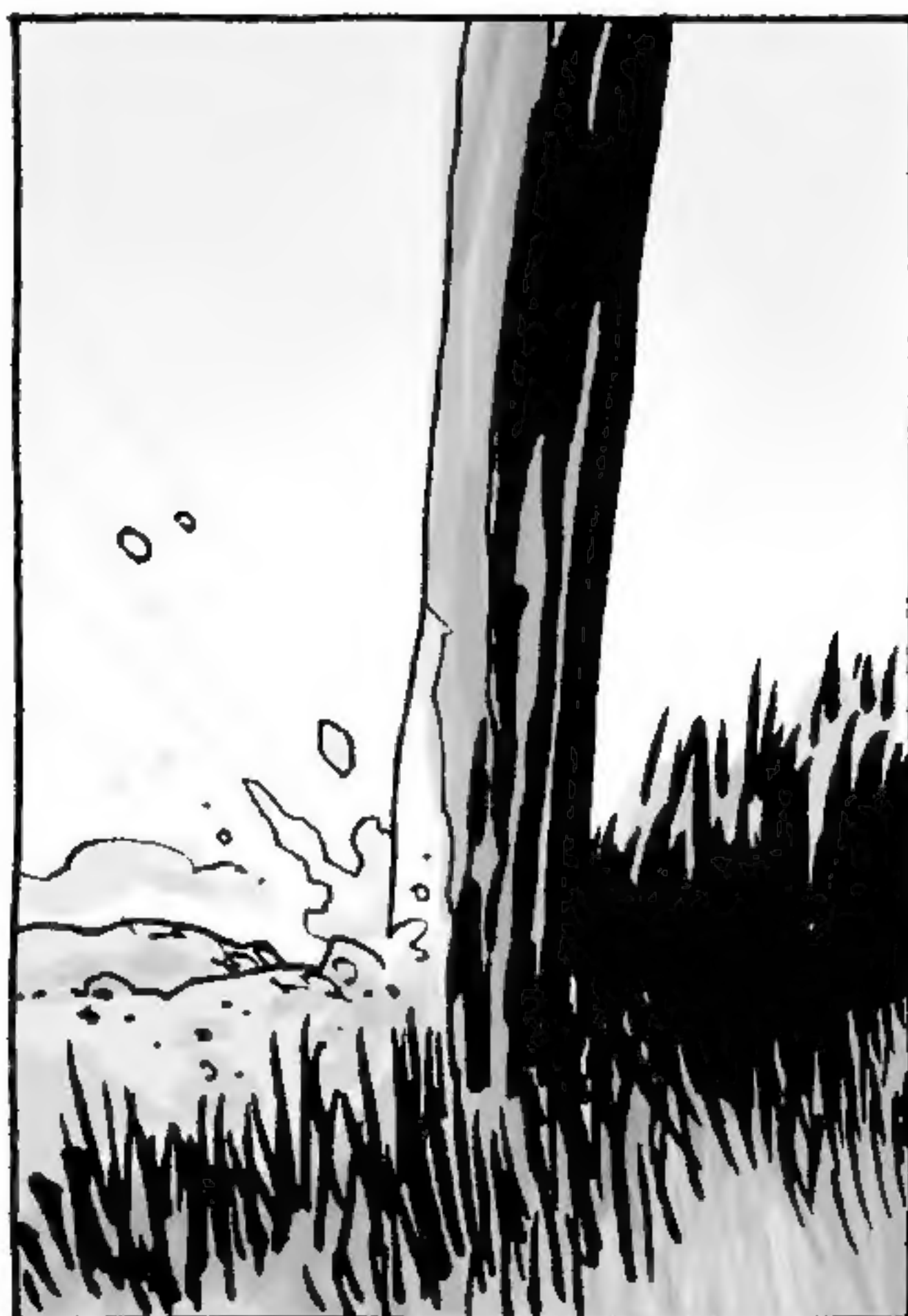












YOU  
SON OF A  
BITCH.



WHAT  
A DAY,  
HUH?

LORI... SHE--SHE'S TAKING  
IT HARDER THAN THE REST  
OF US. I GUESS WITH THE  
TRIP DOWN HERE... HIM  
TAKING CARE OF HER  
AND CARL... SHE  
TRUSTED HIM.

HELL,  
WE ALL  
DID.

I NEVER  
WOULD HAVE  
THOUGHT HIM  
TO BE ONE  
TO SNAP LIKE  
THAT... HE  
JUST...  
LOST  
IT.



HE  
WAS MY FRIEND...  
PROBABLY MY BEST  
FRIEND. THIS SHIT WE'RE  
IN IS NOT TO BE TAKEN  
LIGHTLY. IF IT CAN CHANGE  
A MAN LIKE SHANE SO  
DRASTICALLY, WE'RE IN  
DEEPER SHIT THAN  
WE THOUGHT.

I  
JUST--



I  
BETTER  
HANG BACK...  
LET HER  
CATCH  
UP.

WE'LL  
TALK  
LATER.



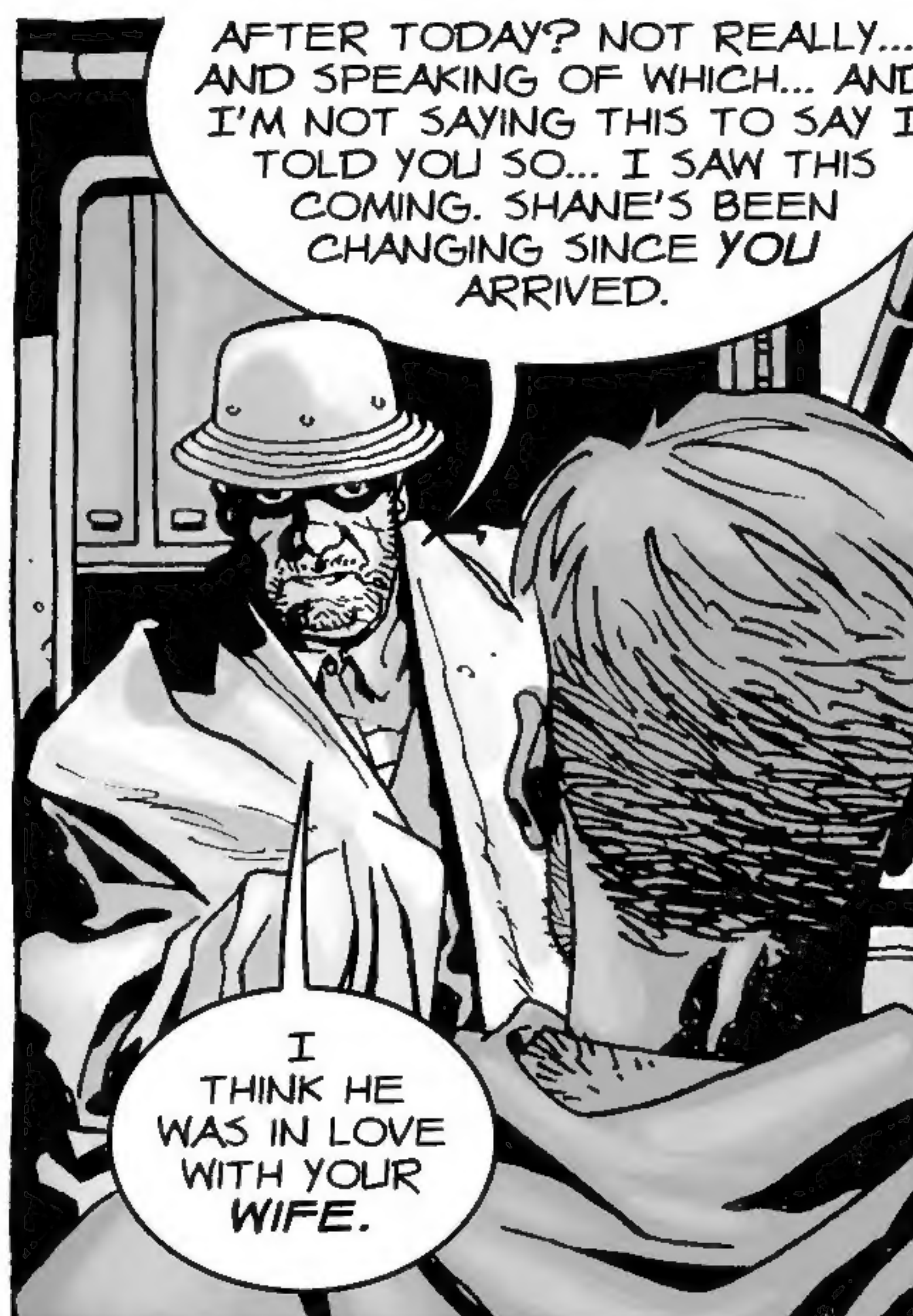


HOW IS SHE DOING?

BETTER... BUT IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THAT POOR GIRL IS GOING TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.



DALE, DO YOU THINK **ANY** OF US WILL **EVER** BE BACK TO NORMAL?



AFTER TODAY? NOT REALLY... AND SPEAKING OF WHICH... AND I'M NOT SAYING THIS TO SAY I TOLD YOU SO... I SAW THIS COMING. SHANE'S BEEN CHANGING SINCE **YOU** ARRIVED.

I THINK HE WAS IN LOVE WITH YOUR WIFE.



I KNOW. THE THINGS HE WAS RAMBLING ON ABOUT BEFORE HE TRIED TO SHOOT ME... THAT'S ALL THAT MAKES SENSE.

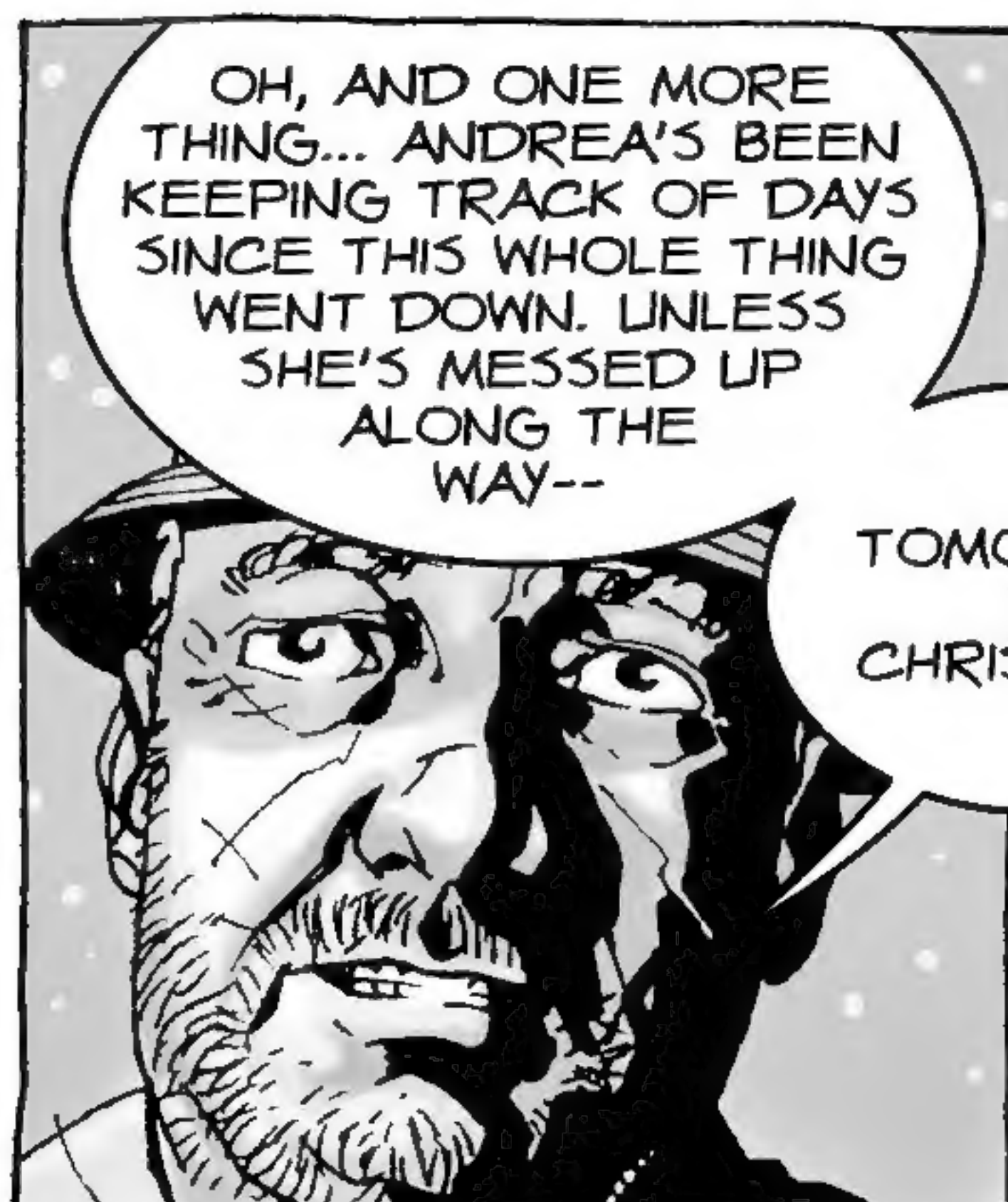
YEAH... BUT WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS THAT EVERYONE IN THE CAMP WAS STARTING TO GET WARY OF SHANE. THE ATTACKS, AMY--JIM... WE ARE READY TO **MOVE** THIS CAMP, RICK. WE LET SHANE CALL THE SHOTS BECAUSE HE WAS A **COP**... I'M AN OLD MAN, GLENN'S A KID, ALLEN... WELL... HE'S NOT LEADERSHIP MATERIAL.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO... TO MAKE US FEEL **SAFE**, ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN. I TALKED TO EVERYONE EARLIER... WE THINK THAT SOMEONE IS **YOU**.



OKAY THEN... GET SOME SLEEP. WE'RE MOVING CAMP **TOMORROW**.

WE'VE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH AS IT IS.



OH, AND ONE MORE THING... ANDREA'S BEEN KEEPING TRACK OF DAYS SINCE THIS WHOLE THING WENT DOWN. UNLESS SHE'S MESSED UP ALONG THE WAY--

TOMORROW IS CHRISTMAS.



DON'T TELL ANYONE! DO YOU HEAR ME? I DON'T WANT **ANYONE** TO KNOW. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO MY SON THAT ON TOP OF ALL THIS OTHER SHIT... SANTA CAN'T **FIND** HIM.

LET'S JUST **SKIP** CHRISTMAS **THIS** YEAR, OKAY? I DON'T WANT TO UPSET THE KIDS.



OKAY... UNDERSTOOD.









WE ALL  
READY TO  
GO?

I  
JUST NEED  
TO GET THE  
GAS FROM THE  
CARS INTO THE RV.  
WE'LL BE READY  
TO HIT THE  
ROAD AS SOON  
AS DALE'S  
READY.

I'M  
ALL SET.  
WE CAN GO  
RIGHT AFTER  
WE'RE  
GASSED  
UP.



OKAY. EVERYONE  
TAKE A GOOD LOOK  
AROUND THE CAMP  
AND MAKE SURE  
WE'RE NOT  
FORGETTING  
ANYTHING--



--AND  
THEN LET'S  
GET THE  
HELL OUT  
OF HERE.









WE  
ALMOST  
THERE?!

JUST  
A LITTLE  
FURTHER...  
UGH... AND  
IT'LL BE OUT  
OF THE  
WAY.

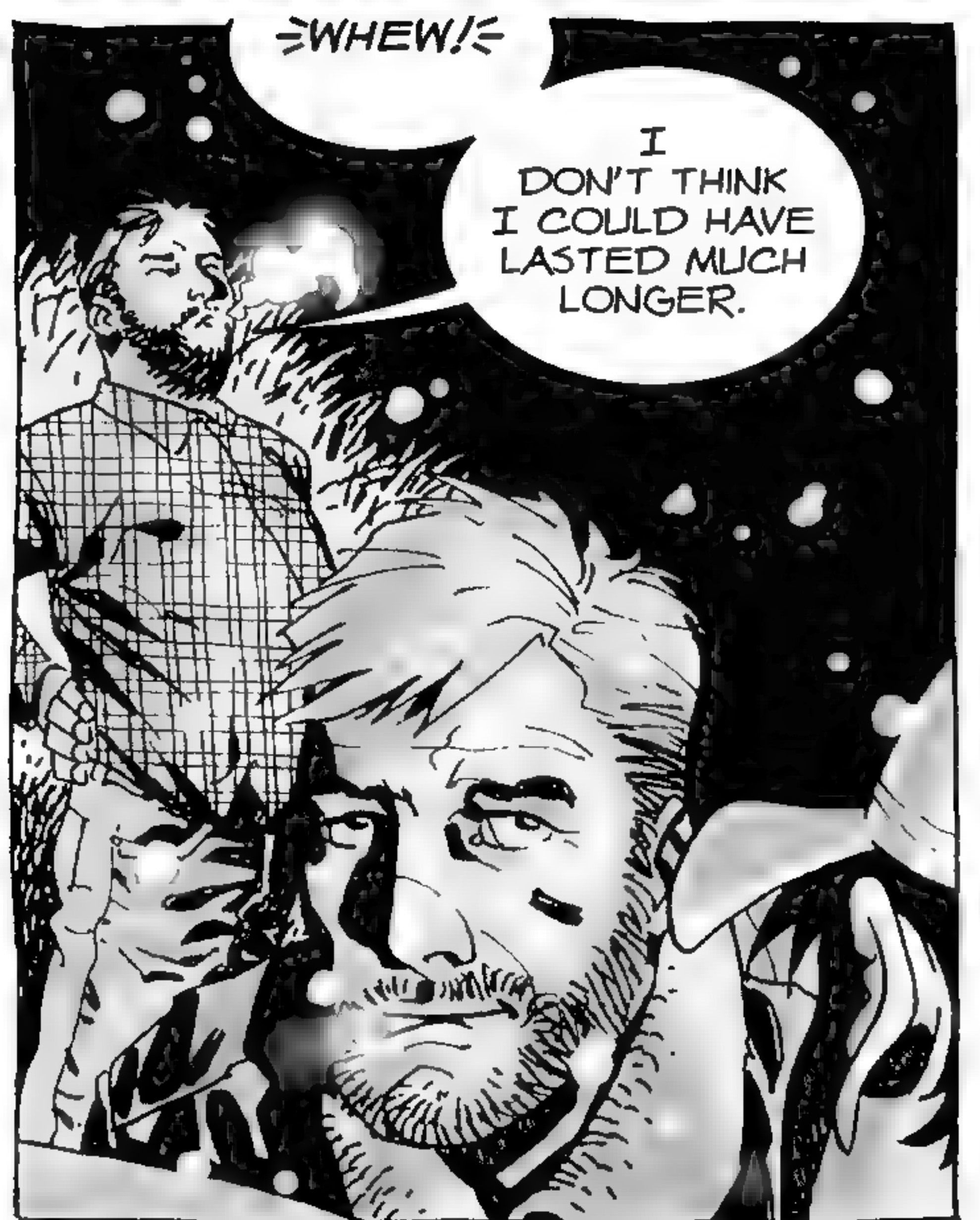


UNGH!<

WE  
DON'T HAVE  
TO GET IT  
**COMPLETELY**  
OFF THE ROAD...  
JUST OUT OF  
THE WAY.



THEN I THINK  
WE'VE ABOUT  
DONE IT. YOU  
GUYS CAN  
GIVE IT A  
REST.



WHEW!>

I  
DON'T THINK  
I COULD HAVE  
LASTED MUCH  
LONGER.



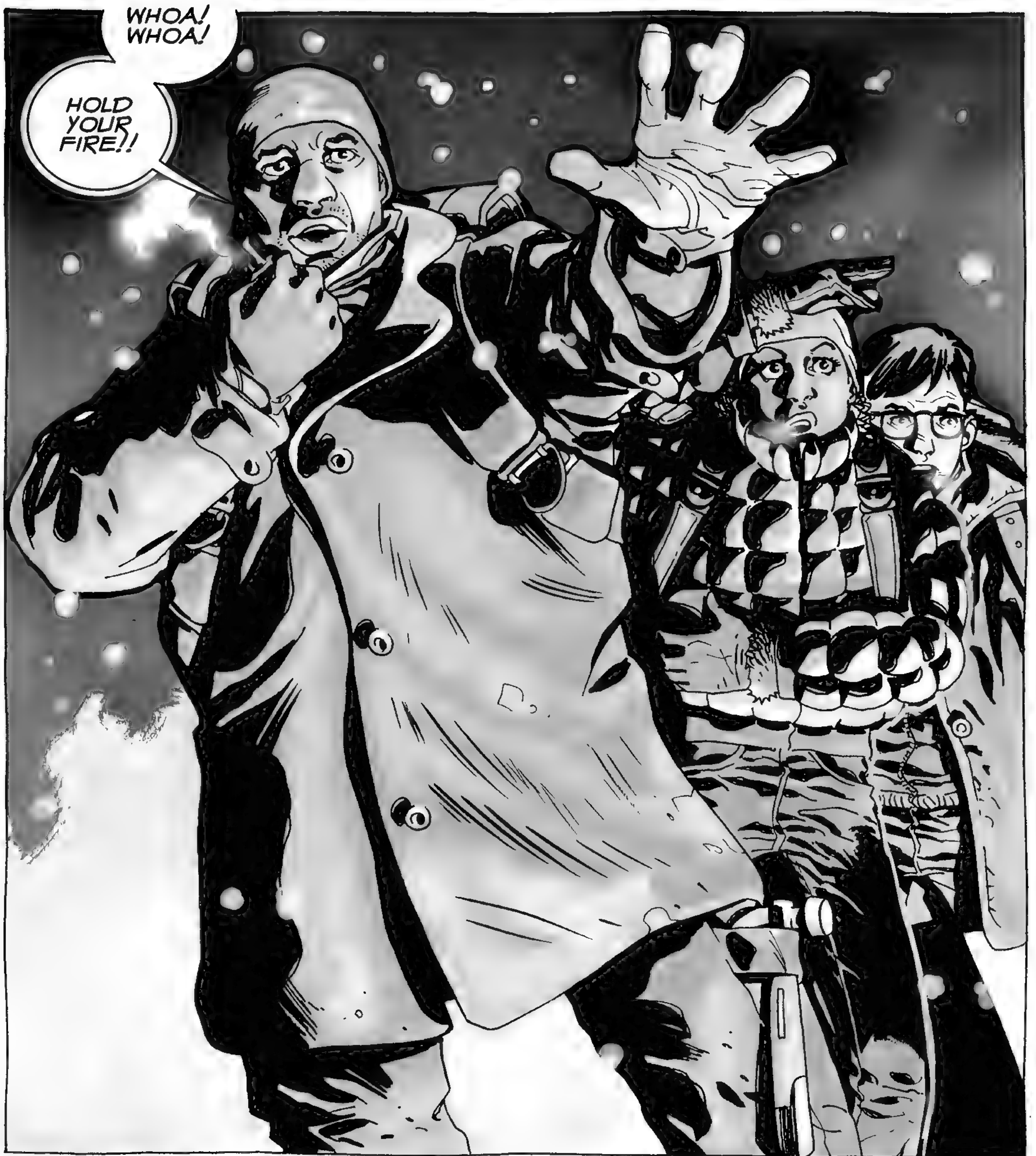
UH...  
RICK?

LOOK  
AROUND!  
SEE HOW  
MANY  
THERE  
ARE!

WE DON'T  
WANT TO GET  
SURROUNDED!!









JULIE AND CHRIS ARE--  
GOING STEADY? **DATING?**  
I DON'T KNOW THE  
CORRECT TERM ANYMORE.  
ANYWAY... CHRIS WAS STAYING  
WITH US WHEN EVERYTHING  
STARTED GOING TO HELL,  
FAMILY PROBLEMS.  
**LONG STORY.**

WE HAD  
A PRETTY  
GOOD SET UP  
BEFORE WE RAN  
OUT OF **FOOD** AND  
IT GOT **COLD**...  
WITHOUT HEAT, OUR  
HOUSE WAS AS  
COLD AS OUTSIDE.  
WE DIDN'T HAVE  
A FIREPLACE OR  
ANYTHING.

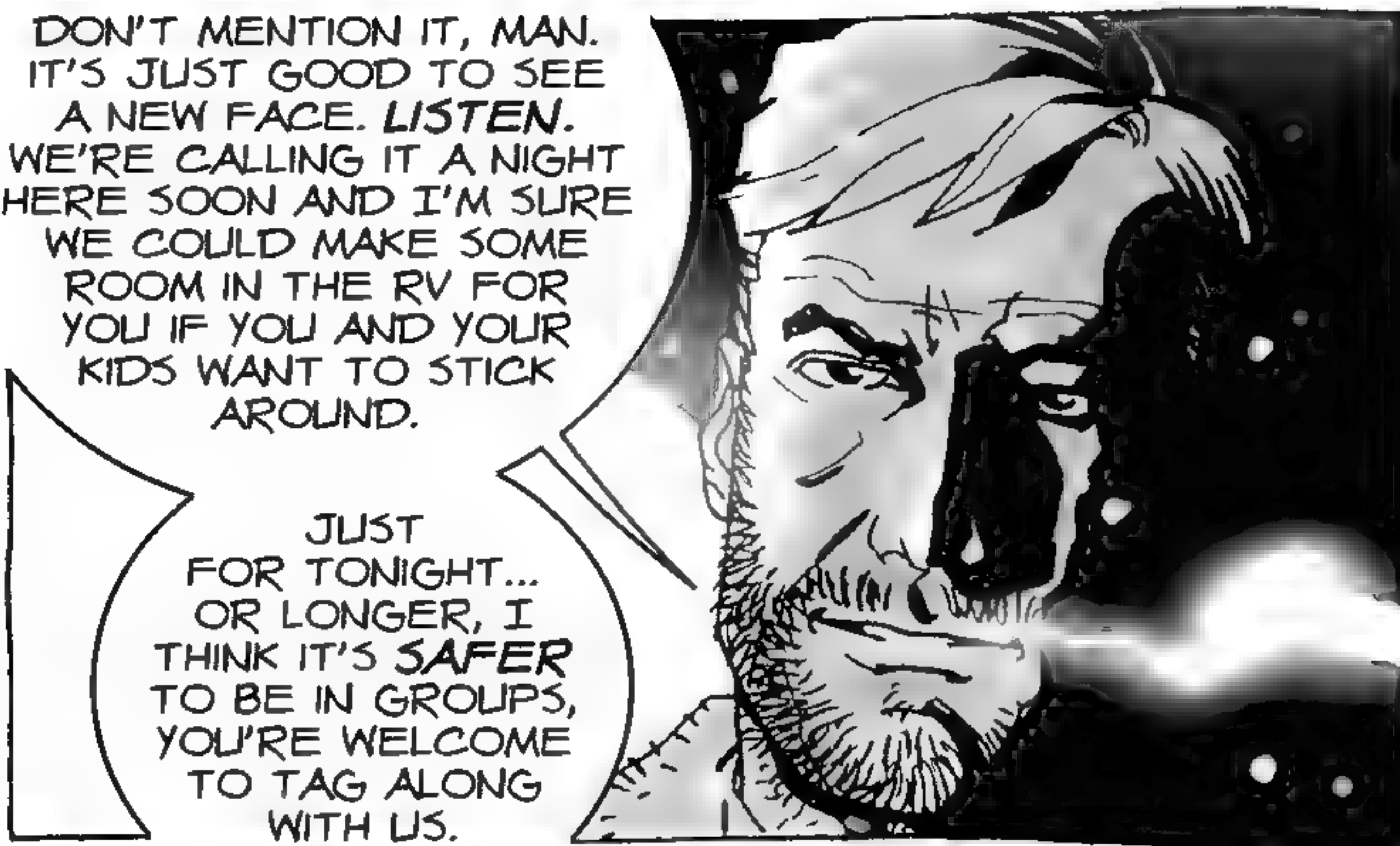


SO, A COUPLE  
WEEKS AGO  
WE SET OUT IN  
SEARCH OF  
**FOOD.**

WE THANK  
YA FOR WHAT  
YOU GOT HERE.  
WE HAVEN'T  
EATEN FOR  
A COUPLE  
**DAYS.**

DON'T MENTION IT, MAN.  
IT'S JUST GOOD TO SEE  
A NEW FACE. **LISTEN.**  
WE'RE CALLING IT A NIGHT  
HERE SOON AND I'M SURE  
WE COULD MAKE SOME  
ROOM IN THE RV FOR  
YOU IF YOU AND YOUR  
KIDS WANT TO STICK  
AROUND.

JUST  
FOR TONIGHT...  
OR LONGER, I  
THINK IT'S **SAFER**  
TO BE IN GROUPS,  
YOU'RE WELCOME  
TO TAG ALONG  
WITH US.



THAT'S KIND OF YA,  
RICK... BUT IF IT'S ALL  
THE SAME I THINK  
THE KIDS AND I WILL  
PROBABLY JUST SLEEP  
IN THIS CAR OVER  
HERE.

THEY'RE  
NOT TOO  
COMFORTABLE  
AROUND  
STRANGERS...



UNDERSTOOD.  
WE'LL SEE YOU  
**TOMORROW**  
THEN.



YOU'RE JUST  
INVITING A  
**STRANGER**  
TO SLEEP IN  
THE SAME  
**ROOM** AS  
US?

HE'S  
GOT KIDS  
WITH HIM,  
LORI.



SO  
DO WE.  
DON'T BE  
SO TRUSTING,  
RICK.







SORRY ABOUT THAT LAST NIGHT. ONE MINUTE I'M TELLING YOU WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE... THE NEXT I'M USING "THE KIDS ARE AFRAID OF STRANGERS" AS AN EXCUSE TO NOT SLEEP IN THE RV WITH YOU.

IT'S JUST-- YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL, Y'KNOW. YOU GUYS COULD HAVE BEEN TRAVELING CANNIBALS FOR ALL I KNOW.

WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?

THE JURY'S STILL OUT.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THOUGH. THIS STUFF **CHANGES** PEOPLE. I JUST WATCHED MY BEST FRIEND FLIP OUT AND TRY TO KILL ME NOT A COUPLE DAYS AGO. I'D NEVER SEEN ANYONE ACT LIKE THAT... LET ALONE HIM. I WAS SO SHAKEN BY SEEING THE CHANGE IN HIM I ALMOST DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THE **DANGER** I WAS IN.

I THINK WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD PEOPLE HERE... I THINK WE'RE GETTING BY OKAY... BUT HONESTLY... I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT ANYONE'S THINKING.

TO ME, THAT'S **SCARIER** THAN ANY HALF-ROTTEN **GHOUL** TRYING TO EAT MY FLESH.

A COUPLE WEEKS AFTER THIS ALL STARTED... THE **FIRST** TIME WE RAN OUT OF FOOD, WE MADE A RUN DOWN TO A COUNTRY STORE ABOUT TWO MILES AWAY FROM OUR HOUSE. WE GOT THERE TO FIND THE PLACE TORN APART... IT'D BEEN LOOTED THREE TIMES OVER... BUT THERE WERE STRAY CANS ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT **SEEMED** SAFE ENOUGH SO JULIE, CHRIS AND I SPLIT UP... LOOKING THE PLACE OVER TO FIND AS MUCH FOOD AS WE COULD.

THERE WAS THIS NICE OLD MAN, GOTTA BE AT **LEAST** SIXTY. HE WAS ALWAYS SITTING IN FRONT OF THE STORE WITH BUDDIES CHATTING AWAY ABOUT GOD KNOWS WHAT... NICEST OLD MAN YOU'D EVER MEET. ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD TO SAY. WHILE WE WERE SEPARATED, HE GOT A HOLD OF JULIE... PULLED HER INTO A BACK ROOM. SEEMS HE'D BEEN **LIVING** IN THE PLACE... WE HAD NO IDEA ANYONE WAS EVEN **THERE**.

THIS SWEET OLD MAN... THE FIRST THING HE THINKS OF WHEN HE FINALLY SEES OTHER PEOPLE... HE TRIED TO **RAPE** JULIE. HAD I BEEN TWO MINUTES LATER WHEN I FOUND THEM... HE'D HAVE DONE IT.

I **KILLED** THAT MAN, RICK. I **WANTED** TO... BUT I DIDN'T **MEAN** TO. I **BEAT** ON HIM... AND HE **DIED**.





JESUS, MAN...  
DON'T BEAT  
YOURSELF UP OVER  
THAT... YOU DID  
WHAT **ANY** FATHER  
WOULD HAVE  
DONE IN THAT  
POSITION.

I MAY  
BE A COP... BUT  
I DON'T LET RULES  
**BLIND** ME TO WHAT'S  
RIGHT AND WRONG.  
**ESPECIALLY** IN LIGHT  
OF OUR CURRENT  
SITUATION.

I'M NOT BEATING  
MYSELF UP BECAUSE  
I **DID** IT... I'M  
BEATING MYSELF UP  
BECAUSE I DON'T  
FEEL **BAD** ABOUT  
DOING IT.

OH,  
SHIT.

ROAMERS.

ROAMERS?

YEAH--  
THE END OF  
THE WORLD  
CHANGED **HIM**...  
BUT LOOK AT  
HOW IT  
CHANGED  
**ME**.

OH...  
YEAH, UM. WHEN  
WE WERE CAMPED  
NEAR ATLANTA, WE  
WENT INTO THE CITY...  
MOST OF THE ZOMBIES  
JUST SAT AROUND, NOT  
DOING ANYTHING UNLESS  
**PROVOKED**. IT SEEMED  
MOST OF THEM WERE  
CONTENT TO SIT AND  
DO **NOTHING** UNLESS  
SOMETHING HAPPENS  
BY THEM.

THEN OUR CAMP WAS  
**ATTACKED**... A PACK OF THOSE  
THINGS JUST TORE THROUGH US,  
KILLED TWO OF OUR FRIENDS. SO I  
GOTTA THINK THAT THERE ARE  
OTHER KINDS OF ZOMBIES  
THAT ROAM AROUND,  
ALWAYS ON THE  
MOVE.

I FIGURE  
**ROAMERS** IS  
AS GOOD A  
NAME AS  
ANY.



THEY'RE  
COMING THIS  
WAY... WE  
GOTTA DO  
SOMETHING.

WE'VE GOT AN  
**AXE** IN THE RV  
IF YOU WANT TO  
GRAB IT. GUNS  
MIGHT ATTRACT  
**MORE** OF  
THEM.

THIS **HAMMER**  
HAS WORKED  
JUST **FINE** FOR  
ME SO FAR.



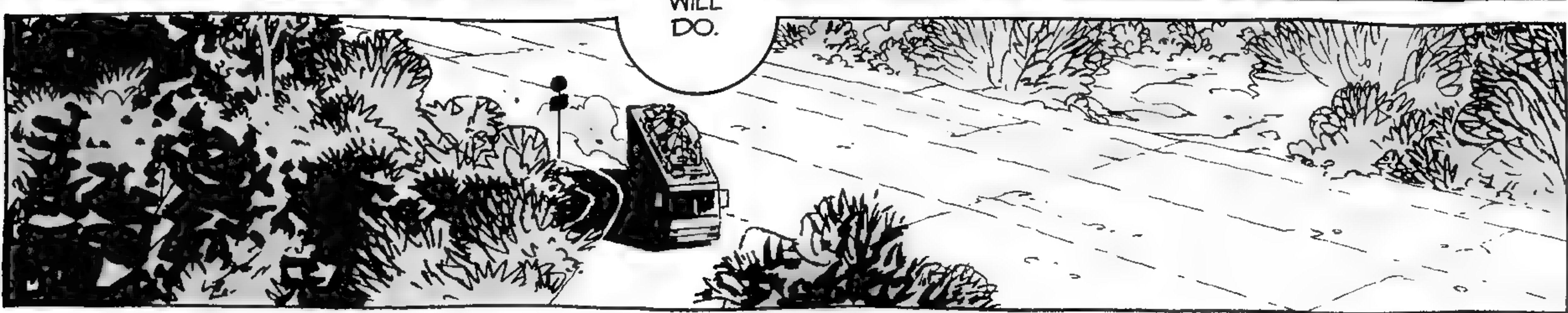




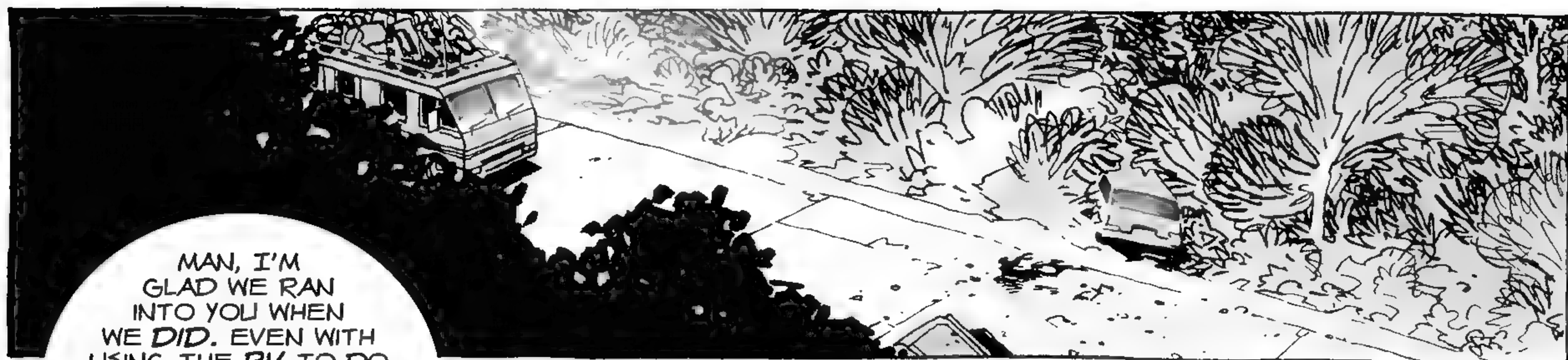












MAN, I'M GLAD WE RAN INTO YOU WHEN WE *DID*. EVEN WITH USING THE RV TO DO MOST OF THE PUSHING I DON'T THINK WE COULD HAVE CLEARED THAT WRECK OFF THE ROAD WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

I'M JUST TRYING TO PULL MY OWN WEIGHT, RICK. I'M GLAD YOU PEOPLE ARE LETTING US TAG ALONG.



WELL, SO FAR I GOTTA SAY... YOU'VE COME IN HANDY. ASIDE FROM *RICK* I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ARE REALLY ALL THAT STRONG.



I KNOW PUSHING CARS OUT OF THE WAY WAS A LOT HARDER BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG.



YOU'RE NOT TOO HARD ON THE EYES, EITHER.

RIGHT BACK AT YOU, CAROL.











IF HE HADN'T BEEN THERE WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO ATLANTA... I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE **NEVER** FOUND LORI AND CARL... IF I EVEN **SURVIVED**.







LORI?



LORI, IS  
EVERYTHING  
OKAY?



NO,  
RICK.

*I'M  
PREGNANT.*





EMPIRE